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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STANDARDS FOR
HELICOPTER PLATFORMS ON FISHING VESSELS

REF: MADRID 08826, NOVEMBER 11, 1977

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS DETERMINED THAT
THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO STANDARDS FOR INSTALLING
HELICOPTER PLATFORMS ON FISHING VESSELS SPECIFICALLY
MANDATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

2. INDUSTRY SOURCES POINT OUT THAT THE ONLY SAFETY
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STANDARDS USED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES INCLUDE A) ENSURING
THAT THE PLATFORM IS STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE HEAVY
LOADS AND HARD LANDINGS, AND B) MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE
PLATFORM DOES NOT UPSET THE VESSEL'S STABILITY.

3. AN INDUSTRY SOURCE WHO IS KNOWLEDGABLE IN THIS AREA
AND HAS EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO HELP THE SPANISH

NAVAL AUTHORITIES IS: MR. EARL CONRAD, PRESIDENT,
ZAPATA-HAYNIE INC., ZAPATA TOWER, P.O. BOX 4240,
HOUSTON, TEXAS. TELEPHONE: (713)226-6000. END
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BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 4. THE SPANISH REQUEST
MAY BE RELATED TO RECENTLY CONCLUDED AND FUTURE JOINT
VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SPANISH AND MEXICAN
FISHING COMPANIES. NMFS HAS LEARNED THAT SPAIN IS
USING JOINT-VENTURE AGREEMENTS WITH MEXICO TO OBTAIN
ACCESS TO FISHERY RESOURCES WITHIN THE U.S. 200-MILE
ZONE.

NMFS IS
POUCHING AMEMB MADRID A COPY OF A MEMORANDUM OF
CONVERSATION WITH THE MEXICAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES WHICH INCLUDES SOME BACK-
GROUND INFORMATION ON SPANISH-MEXICAN JOINT VENTURES.
A COPY HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO THE REGIONAL
FISHERY ATTACHE IN MEXICO CITY.

UNTIL NOW, NMFS HAS INFORMATION RELATED
ONLY TO THE SQUID FISHERY. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY INFORMATION AMEMB MADRID CAN OBTAIN ABOUT THE
PROPOSED JOINT-VENTURES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY RELATE
TO ANCHOVY OR TUNA, TWO SPECIES FOR WHICH SPOTTER
AIRCRAFT ARE COMMONLY USED. END LIMITED OFFICIAL
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